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EXAMINING GROUP 2141**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/653,610  
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Title: Method and Apparatus to Obtain Negotiated Service Advertisement

Examiner: Nguyen, Quang N  
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## RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF AUGUST 10, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of August 10, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.